



CITY OF STOCKTON

THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

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FOLLOW-UP TO COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 25

At the May 25 City Council meeting Councilmember Ruhstaller raised an issue brought forward by a constituent as to whether it is Police policy not to direct traffic during power outages because of liability issues. The Stockton Police Department frequently provides physical traffic control at intersections when outages occur due to weather conditions or accidents, until the unsafe condition is mitigated. When power outages occur they frequently encompass a large geographical area, with numerous controlled intersections affected. If physical traffic control is deemed necessary the control must continue until power is restored, as leaving prematurely could present liability issues to the City. In situations when numerous controlled intersections are affected by outages there is often insufficient Police staffing available to physically provide traffic control. Calls for service increase dramatically during power outages when many home and business alarms are activated and residents call with fears of prowlers and burglars. When traffic

conditions do not present a serious danger and motorists are adhering to the rules of the road as dictated in the Vehicle Code, Officers are generally not assigned to traffic control at controlled intersections during a power outage, so that they can respond to other calls for service. (POL)

POLICE REPORTING DISTRICTS

Now that the budget has been approved selection of Officers to be assigned to Police Reporting Districts has begun. (POL)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS

During the period May 20-26 the Stockton Police Department handled 6,632 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

D.A.R.E./NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

School Resource Officers conducted 10 DARE graduations during the month of May, with 690 graduating students. Members of the Police Special Services Section hosted 20 Neighborhood Watch meetings in May. (POL)

STOCKTON POLICE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, May 16, the Stockton Police Youth Activities hosted a benefit basketball

game where retired San Francisco 49ers/Oakland Raiders competed against Stockton Police Officers. The game was held at San Joaquin Delta College raising approximately \$10,000 for various local youth programs.

Approximately 1,000 fans attended the game. (POL)

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)

An Administrative Citation and Civil Penalty Notice and Order were issued when 82 of 99 original violations remained uncorrected in a dwelling located in the 500 block of North Monroe. A Notice and Order to Repair is being issued as a result of an inspection conducted in the 600 block of North Edison,

where 19 of 22 units inspected contained 75 violations. There are 3 units remaining for inspection. A quarterly inspection of the City Hotel found that all 16 violations had been corrected; however, 5 new violations were found, resulting in a Violation Warning Notice. The property owner of a 15-unit apartment complex in the 400 block of West Oak received a reduced inspection fee when 95% progress had been made in 12 occupied units and 3 vacant units. Reinspection of the Main Hotel for a Permit to Operate indicated all but 2 violations had been corrected and are currently being repaired. During an initial inspection conducted in the 600 block of North Harrison, 29 violations were found corrected, and the case was closed. Six felony arrests were made for resisting arrest and possession of meth, heroin, rock cocaine, narcotics and valium for sales without a prescription. Four misdemeanor arrests were made for possession of drug paraphernalia. Arrests included six felony bench warrants and five misdemeanor bench warrants. Of these arrests, two were for felonies, four were for misdemeanor arrests, two were for felony warrants, and one was for a misdemeanor warrant; all were made at the Lido, Oxford, Main Street, and Fair Hotels. Three abatements were opened and two were closed. (POL)

GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GSET)

During May 17-23 the GSET conducted 91 field interviews; made 6 felony, 3 felony warrant, and 5 misdemeanor warrant arrests; made 55 traffic stops; issued 13 citations; conducted 1 probation search; towed 4 cars; and confiscated a .38 revolver and a .380 semi-auto handgun. The GSET has confiscated 436 guns since its inception, including 36 in 2004. (POL)

TRUANCY

During the week of May 17-21 35 students were processed for truancy, of which 10 were repeat offenders. There is a 16% increase in overall truant detainees compared to the same time period last year. (POL)

HOMICIDE/ARRESTS

On May 19 the Police Department was advised by a local hospital that a 25-year-old victim of a shooting that occurred on May 15, in the 600 block of Lynwood, had died of his injuries. On May 20 Officers responding to a call of a person shot in the 2500 block of Belair, found a male in his late teens, who later died as a result of his injuries. Witnesses indicated the victim and suspect were arguing shortly before the victim was shot. On May 25 the homicide suspect turned himself in to his parole agent and was subsequently arrested. (POL)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARREST

Officers arrived at a home in the 900 block of Pleasant on May 20 following a report of a domestic violence incident. They found the victim in the yard and she told them to leave. The suspect, who had obvious head wounds, also told Officers to leave and he refused to allow entry into the yard or home. Officers jumped the fence and while one Officer attempted to detain the suspect and take control of a knife he was wearing in a sheath, the suspect struggled with the Officer and pulled the knife. The Officer deployed a taser, striking the man, and then took him into custody. (POL)

STABBING

Last Saturday a disturbance at Burrito Tyme in Sherwood Mall resulted in a fight in which one of the victims was hit in the head with a hard object that knocked out some of his teeth. The victim pulled out a pocketknife and stabbed the suspect in self-defense. The suspect was transported to the hospital in stable condition. A female suspect who started the argument and fight was arrested. (POL)

DUI CHECKPOINT

The Police Department's Traffic Section conducted a DUI checkpoint at Charter and Turnpike on May 22. A total of 1,424 vehicles were checked, resulting in 5 DUI arrests, 37 citations, and 29 vehicles being towed. (POL)

ELDER ABUSE

Last Sunday Officers responding to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Fleetwood found two victims (ages 80 and 81) of a battery. Their grandson had pulled his grandfather from the couch, kicking and hitting him several times. When the victim's wife tried to intervene the suspect hit her also. The suspect later returned to the home. While Officers were arresting him the suspect became combative and spit at them, prior to being subdued with pepper spray. (POL)

ESCAPEE ARREST

Officers received an anonymous tip that an honor farm escapee was in the 2400 block of East Ninth last Sunday. The suspect was arrested for escaping as well as two felony warrants. (POL)

STREET LIGHT AUDIT (Table available for review)

San Joaquin County reimbursed the City for \$9,256. This was payment for unbilled services provided by the City for the past three years. These unbilled services were noted as a result of the Public Works streetlight audit initiated in June of 2000.

The summer of 2000 PW contracted with a summer youth program and was assigned a six week summer intern. He along with a maintenance worker on light duty audited the streetlights. Using maps created from the City's hand kept maps and PG&E information they field checked over 25,000 lights noting location, wattage, and pole type. All this information was entered into the City's computer mapping program.

This field audit has resulted in over \$25,000 in credits from PG&E for over-billing, a check for \$35,000 from CalTrans for misbilling, and now \$9,256 from the County for non-billing. In addition the computerization of our streetlights has enabled the City to have all the City owned wood poles identified and inspected and treated this year. (PW)

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (NTMP)

The neighborhood kick-off meeting for the Iron Canyon Circle area was held on May 24 at the A.G. Spanos Clubhouse. Twenty-two neighborhood residents attended the meeting along with staff from Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants and the City. Neighborhood residents learned about the NTMP process and the traffic calming measures that may be used on residential streets, and seven residents volunteered to serve on the Traffic Calming Committee. The Police Department deployed the radar speed trailer at various locations on Iron Canyon Circle on the three days leading up to the meeting.

Also Traffic Engineering staff attended the Institute of Transportation Studies' two-day course, "Traffic Calming: Strategies that Work." The course included information on how to design, install, and operate a wide range of traffic calming devices; legal authority and liability issues in California; and current trends. (PW)

ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION AT CITY HALL

Elevator Technology (ETech) plans to start the project Friday May 28 by meeting with the crane contractor to discuss logistics. The crane will be at City Hall for approximately 6 hours to remove the old elevator car and load parts for the new car. The City has asked for a Saturday date to avoid impact to City Staff and Citizen parking. Staff will be notified once the date is set.

The freight elevator will be shut down Tuesday June 1 until the new freight elevator car is completed. Once the new car is completed, work on the passenger car will start. The plan is for one elevator to be kept in service at all times. Project closeout and certification are expected the week of August 30, 2004. (PW)

RECYCLING UPDATE

Stockton Scavengers and Sunrise Sanitation have made initial delivery of 3 carts to all 65,000 residential customers. They will complete the delivery of carts to City departments and the City's commercial sector by June 1st. Both companies continue to receive a high volume of customer calls.

Recycling program implementation at City departments and facilities is underway. City staff and consultants have arranged for additional recycling carts where necessary to satisfy the new requirements which take effect June 1st. Previously only cardboard, paper, and some garden refuse were officially recycled at most City facilities. Now the program will expand to all paper, cardboard, cartons, cans, metals, glass and plastic bottles and jars, just as the residential programs. It will be a month-long process to provide direct outreach to each department, but facilities will receive recycling carts to begin the newly expanded recycling. Workshops will be provided to departments upon request, and office recycling receptacles will be made available where needed.

A workshop was held at the McKinley Community Center on May 12th. A presentation was provided to the Women Executives Group during their monthly luncheon on May 13th. A group of 30 attended a Weston Ranch Community group meeting on May 17th. The City Council was updated at their May 18th meeting. Spanos East Club House was the site of a workshop on the evening of May 19th. Workshops will continue upon request. Stockton Scavengers have conducted about 10 school classroom presentations and spoken to a group called Comerciante Unidos, a Spanish-speaking business group.

Construction and Demolition debris recycling is another new program the City will begin implementing as of June 1st. The Solid Waste Division will work with other City departments, including Community

Development to insure 50% recycling and waste reduction from construction and demolition projects. (PW)

ALPINE AVENUE FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS

On March 25, 2004 bids were opened for the Alpine Frontage Improvement Project. All bids received were more than ten percent higher than the engineer's estimate. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$159,821. The apparent low bidder was Robert Burns Construction, Inc. with a bid of \$206,328.60. The majority of funds for this project comes from a Caltrans administered Safe Routes to School program (90%). The other share will be funded by the Stockton Unified School District (10%). Both CalTrans and School Unified School District have agreed to increase their funding contributions to this project in order to award a construction contract. Funding commitments are being finalized and a staff report recommending award of a construction contract to Robert Burns Construction will be presented to Council in the near future. Construction is anticipated to start in July 2004 and be should be completed by September 2004. (PW)

WEBER POINT PARKING LOT EXPANSION

AM Stephens Construction finished striping the parking lot expansion. This was the final remaining item of work needed to complete the project. City staff conducted a final walk through of the project with the contractor. All punch list items were completed with a final notice of completion issued on May 21st. (PW)

CESAR CHAVEZ CENTRAL LIBRARY INTERIOR REMODEL

Shoemate Buildings is progressing with remodel work having completed all the electrical, framing, and insulation work. Some rough heating and air-conditioning work has been completed and the contractor is nearly finished with the installation of drywall. Taping and application of joint compound will start within the week. Concurrently the City has contracted separately with SBC for the installation of data and communication cabling. SBC will start installing cable within the week. The contractor, City, and project architect met to discuss preliminary planning related to the proposed pedestrian ramp structure to be built at the northwest corner of Oak and El Dorado Streets. The contractor plans to start construction of the ramp in the next several weeks. The project is scheduled to be completed as early as the end of July 2004. (PW)

BEAR CREEK BIKE PATH

Public Works has submitted encroachment permits to Caltrans and the State Reclamation Board for construction of the Bear Creek Bike Path. This path is an 8 feet wide, approximately 12, 500 feet long, Class I bike path which will generally be located between I-5 and Lower Sacramento Road. Plans and specifications are approximately 90% complete and currently under review. Public Works plans to advertise the project for construction this summer. (PW)

EIGHT-MILE ROAD/I-5 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Construction crews have started work on the retaining walls located along the northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp. Excavation and rebar construction for the retaining wall footings started last week and is still underway. On Wednesday, May 26, crews poured concrete for the west retaining wall footing. The east retaining wall pouring is scheduled for next week. Concurrently crews set k-rail along north bound on-ramp and south bound off-ramp in preparation for placement of embankment fill scheduled to start the first week of June. The project is currently scheduled to be completed by February of 2005. (PW)

ARCH ROAD/SR99 INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Contractor is still progressing with the construction of the Arch Road undercrossing. On Monday, May 24, the contractor started pouring concrete for the bridge deck. All in all a total of 2000 tons of concrete was poured during a continuous 12 hour period starting at 5:00 a.m. The newly poured concrete will have to cure for 28 days. During that time the roadway contractor will continue construction of the retaining wall along the future northbound on-ramp, grading operations, and embankment construction north of Arch Road, and prepare for construction of the bridge approaches. Concurrently utility work along Arch Road is also underway. The construction management staff, contractors, and the design consultants are now concentrating efforts to minimize traffic impacts and assure a smooth transition from Stage 3 to Stage 4 construction. This stage transition, scheduled at the second week of July, will switch the northbound and southbound SR99 traffic onto the completed east half of the new interchange and Arch Road traffic under the new undercrossing. The project is anticipated to be completed in July 2005. (PW)

HAMMER LANE PHASE II AND WEST LANE WIDENING PROJECT

DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) has completed the construction of curb, gutter, and sidewalks along Hammer Lane, West Lane, and Swain Road. DGC has also completed the signal switch over at the Hammer Lane and Lorraine intersection. The new signals are now operational and the existing signals have been removed. The next signal switch over will occur at the intersection of Montauban and Hammer Lane within the next two weeks. A press release will be sent out to inform the public of the exact day of the planned switch over. The construction team will attempt to minimize traffic delays as much as possible.

On May 25 the landscaping subcontractor to DGC was performing trenching work. During the course of this work, a 4 inch PG&E gas line was ruptured as trenching was being performed across the north side of Hammer Lane near the Alberto's Mexican restaurant. It appears that the location of the gas line was not marked correctly by PG&E. Consequently Hammer Lane was closed off between Tam O'Shanter and West Lane for a couple hours. PG&E repaired the damaged gas line and Hammer Lane was reopened to traffic by 11:00 a.m. No injuries occurred. (PW)

16 INCH WATERLINE BREAK- WESTON RANCH

On Wednesday, May 26, a private electrical contractor working on the Great Valley School Site in Weston Ranch bored through a 16 inch waterline causing a massive break in the transmission main. The break is located in the 900 block of Henry Long Boulevard. The work was being done under an encroachment permit issued to the prime contractor on the school site. The waterline had been previously located and marked by OMI/Thames personnel for Underground Service Alert. The water line was back in service by the evening. The damage to the multilane lane roadway will require a complete reconstruction of the roadway in this area. (PW)

CITY OF STOCKTON REFUNDS

In accordance with Council Policy a copy of a list of refunds which were made by the City of Stockton for the months of November 2003 - March 2004 are available for viewing in the City Manager's Office. (AS)

STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stockton Fire Department handled 653 calls for service the week of May 20 - 27.

12 Vehicle fires
42 Grass fires
8 Structure fires
24 Fire alarms
56 Vehicle accidents
6 Hazmat incidents
72 Miscellaneous calls
433 Medical

May 22 there was a structure fire at **2908 Malvern Court**. The fire originated in the northeast bedroom of the triplex. The unit had a garage fire back in February. SFD believed it was a drug lab and called SPD. Damage is estimated at approximately \$10,000 to the structure and \$5,000 to the contents.

May 23 there was a vehicle fire on **Report Avenue and Francis Street**. Because the car was completely destroyed by the fire, SFD was unable to determine the make, year, and model of the car. The cause of the fire is undetermined after investigation. Damage is estimated at approximately \$10,000.

May 26 there was a vehicle accident on **N. Airport Way and E. Oak Street**. One patient refused treatment. Three other patients were transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for patient care. (FD)

FIRE PREVENTION

Plan Checks: Sprinklers, Fire Alarms, New Building, and Hood & Duct Systems

- Approved hood and duct plans for La Michoacana, 2202 East Fremont Street
- Approved hood and duct plans for Azteca Café, 10 North American Street
- Approved fire alarm plans for UOP Library Expansion, 3508 Atchley Way
- Approved tenant improvement sprinkler plans for the Sportmart Store, 10536 Trinity Parkway
- Approved water flow fire alarm plans for Acura of Stockton, 2929 Auto Center Circle
- Approved fire alarm plans for Angels Haven, 8407 Clifford Drive. This is a Group R Division 2.2 occupancy
- Approved 5 sprinkler systems and fire pump for the new Wal-Mart Superstore, 3223 East Hammer Lane
- 2 Building plan checks

Inspections and Fire Systems Tests

- 1 Sprinkler hydro pressure test
- 2 Code enforcement inspections
- 3 Fire alarm tests
- 2 Sprinkler pipe weld inspections
- 8 State license facility re-inspections
- 3 Permits inspections
- 8 Violation re-inspections
- 5 Final fire inspections
- 2 Business license inspections
- 4 Special inspections

(FD)

HYDRANT DIVISION

- Repaired fire hydrant on Admiral Street
- Repaired fire hydrant on Charter Way and Wilson Way due to hit and run
- Installed fire hydrant for the Miracle Mile Project on Pacific Avenue
- Checked underground water system piping for Creative Research at 2029 East Harding Way

(FD)

WEED ABATEMENT

Owners who have not abated their weeds are being cited. Staff will conduct follow-up inspections to ensure compliance. As complaints for weeds are received, Administrative Citation "Warnings" are being sent to property owners. Second letters were sent to County owners who have not abated their property. Staff is responding to their calls and scheduling inspections. (FD)

TRAINING/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/ EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Division of Training continues to provide extensive training opportunities to members of the Stockton Fire Department. This week a City-sponsored class on "Customer Service" was provided to the new Spring 2004 Recruit Academy, a State Certified Confined Space Rescue class was conducted, and training continued on a new Candidate Physical Ability Test program. The Spring 2004 Recruit Academy conducted wet hose drills in the new Training facility as well as numerous classroom sessions on the basic skills for recruit firefighters. (FD)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY

Library staff participated in Children and Youth Day on Saturday, May 15th, at Pixie Woods. The annual all-day event sponsored by Family Resource and Referral was attended by several thousand people this year. The Library was invited to the event to promote literacy and Library programs and services available to the public. The three staff members in attendance reported that informational materials in the area of literacy were requested and given out. (LIB)

O.H. CLOSE

Three Teen Librarians have answered the call for help from O.H. Close, the school arm of the California Youth Authority (CYA) youth detention facility here in Stockton. In response to a request for technical assistance from Tim Wright, the teacher assigned to the library at O.H. Close, staff members Ruthanne Bassett, Suzy Daveluy, and Eva Volin visited the facility library to assess its needs. Assistance is needed in preparing the library for conversion to a new automated catalogue system. After their first meeting it was decided that they would be returning one morning a week to help weed the collection, catalogue the materials, and enter data into the new system, as well as develop recommended lists of books to purchase for the teen wards housed there. (LIB)

LIBRARY WALKING TEAM

Five Library staff members and eight of their friends and family members participated in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event on Saturday, May 15th. (LIB)

TROKE VOLUNTEERS HONORED

A generous staff-provided pot luck lunch was served to the 30 or so adult volunteers at the Troke Branch Library on Wednesday, May 19. The volunteers were honored for their many hours of work (equivalent to one FTE) and for the cheerfulness and good spirits they bring to the work place. The nearly 60 Teen Volunteers were honored later in the afternoon for their contribution of the equivalent of two FTE's. The volunteers check materials in, re-shelve them, pull books for transfer to other branches, and tutor Library customers in the use of the catalog and the Internet. (LIB)

SAN JOAQUIN A+ AWARDS

Library staff members attended the annual San Joaquin A+ Outstanding Teacher Recognition awards program. The A+ Teacher award is a special way to honor teaching professionals in our county. The program acknowledges the commitment of those who constantly strive for ways to improve education, with the desire to set high standards for their students and work unselfishly toward their missions. The teachers receive money for their classrooms, a dinner for two, and an "apple" filled with goodies. This year 20 teachers throughout San Joaquin County were honored. (LIB)

NATIONAL AUDIOCONFERENCE

On Friday, May 21st, Library staff participated in a national audioconference on the issue of staffing urban libraries with growing demands and budget shortages. This conference titled "Staffing Our Libraries: A Conversation About The Hard Questions," was presented by the Urban Libraries Council. This innovative approach to networking library professionals across the country on a simultaneously phone link allowed for specialists in four time zones to openly discuss the issues of skills and attitudes needed to fulfill the new work of urban libraries. The program agenda included a panel discussion with professionals of the Baltimore County Library, Los Angeles Public Library, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, and the Sacramento Public Library Authority. Stockton-San Joaquin County Library staff were assembled at the Troke Branch Library and were able to submit their questions fax, email, and phone during the program. (LIB)

FAMILIES FOR LITERACY

An enthusiastic group of tutors, learners, and their young children attended the first Families for Literacy story time program conducted by staff at the Troke Branch Library on Monday, May 24th. Participants heard stories and engaged in literacy enriching activities. The presentation showed parents how to create a supportive reading environment in the home and the importance of doing so at an early age of their children. The evening ended with healthy refreshments and books given to each family. The program is supported by the California State Library. (LIB)

VISIT TO SOLANO COUNTY

On Thursday, May 27th, Literacy Services staff visited the Solano County Public Library - Literacy Services section, to learn new techniques which will strengthen and enhance the Library's Adult Literacy and Families for Literacy Program. Staff's goals are to improve and enrich the circulating collection for adult learners as well as learn new ways of recruiting tutors and sustaining adult learners in the program. (LIB)

GRANT BUDGETS BEING FINALIZED

Literacy staff met with program administrators of First 5 on Tuesday, May 25th, to finalize details of the Training Wheels program budget for the 2004/05 Fiscal Year grant. This annual grant provides the majority of funding for this program. Additional program support is provided by the Library & Literacy Foundation for San Joaquin County.

In collaboration and suggestion of the First 5 Commission staff will also submit an official proposal and plan to First to expand the Reach Out and Read literacy promotion program to additional communities in San Joaquin County in Fiscal Year 2004/05. (LIB)

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TOPIARY

Children's Museum Board Member Sandi Stockar raised \$2,250 to have an alphabet topiary installed in the Museum's play and picnic area. The letters are approximately three feet tall and were installed last week along the fence lining the east side of the backyard. A group of 4-H volunteers helped Stockar plant the topiaries. As the plants grow in they will be trained to grow in the shape of the letters. The letters will add another youthful addition to the Museum that can be viewed from the street and in the yard. (P & R)

SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMP

Registrations have been going well for Summer Discovery Camp, which will be held at ten sites this season. This Camp program is being managed by Recreation Program Coordinator Pablo Zapata. Zapata has been working with Leslie Reese of the Family Resource and Referral Center to obtain subsidized payment for parents who cannot afford to send their children to camp. Documentation is being reviewed and finalized by FR&RC to allow the subsidy. (P & R)

GRANT COLLABORATIVE MEETING

After School staff attended a recent grant collaborative meeting to discuss possible grant funding from the Healthy Families agency at Grant Elementary School. The group has \$78,000 available over the next two years. Attendees were asked to brainstorm ideas on how this allotment can be used effectively for

children. Parks and Recreation staff suggested sponsoring youth at Summer Discovery and Silver Lake camps, as well as scholarships for instructional classes, youth sports after school programs. (P & R)

21st CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT

The Parks and Recreation Department collaborated with Stockton Unified School District in applying for a 21st Century grant for the After School Program.

Stockton Unified School District was informed this week that it has been awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, which includes access and family literacy components for after school programs. City after school staff has been working with the district to plan for the three-year grant's implementation. For City after school programs at SUSD sites, the grant will allow increased capacity and will allow for reimbursement for staff, materials and supplies, benefits, and other services. The grant is also expected to fund literacy components at the City-wide Teen Center and libraries. The after school program could receive just over \$600,000 per year with 100 children at all SUSD sites. (P & R)

VAN BUSKIRK COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Star of David outreach program at Van Buskirk Community Center had 31 community participants in their program last week. Nearly 70 students participated in Martial Arts with Dr. Lee, with nearly 30 parents in attendance. Fifty-eight fitness buffs used the weight room throughout the week. In collaboration with Conway Homes Van Buskirk staff attended a Resident Information Fair and provided games and arts and crafts and distributed information on City programs to approximately 200 people. Over 40 youth played intramural basketball at the Center last week. Teen meetings have been scheduled at the Center on Tuesdays and Fridays by Teen Coordinator Darryl Perry. Micah Jasaki has been chosen to represent teens at Van Buskirk at Youth Advisory Commission meetings and other events. Word Assembly Church held their first church services at Van Buskirk last week, with three dozen attendees. (P & R)

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES

Gymnastics students and staff have been busy this week preparing for the program's Annual Revue Friday night, May 28, at the Civic Auditorium. Students of all levels will perform the skills that they have been working on this year. The theme of this year's show is Rockin' & Rollin'. Divine Expressions dance classes began a new series this week. On Mondays Dancercise for ages 5-11 meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Seifert Center, and Youthstep, class for ages 12-Adult meets Fridays at Seifert Center. Instructor Mary Rogers blends hip hop, African, and modern dance into these dance classes. Several series of Instructional Classes continued this week including Dance for Kids, Yoga, Tai Chi, Tutoring, Baton, Dog Obedience, Judo, and Martial Arts, as well as all of the Mommy & Me classes. (P & R)

McKINLEY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Twenty-five children received bags of groceries last week, thanks to the SJ County Food Bank, as a reward for coming to McKinley Center to do their homework and participating in Center recreation activities. Recreation for All People (RAP) activities at McKinley last week included yoga, weightlifting, volleyball, basketball, dance, watching TV, and having lunch daily. McKinley staff has been busy registering children for the annual Jr. Giants/Ports T-ball and Baseball League that will begin at several sites July 10. (P & R)

FAMILY DAY AT SHERWOOD MALL

Several Parks and Recreation staff hosted a booth at Mega 100's Family Day at Sherwood Mall Saturday, May 22. The booth featured face painting and a variety of arts and crafts activities. The busy day included talking with dozens of parents about Pixie Woods and other facilities, plus sports and other summer programs and camps at the Children's Museum, parks, and centers. (P & R)

INSPECTIONS

Two inspections were made under the single-family rehabilitation loan program. One home is located at 436 W. Anderson Street. The 90 year old home has foundation problems, overloaded electrical circuits, leaking roof, inadequate heating facilities, and an illegal living quarter in the basement. This home is a candidate for reconstruction. The second home located at 2616 Madison Street has an overcrowded condition. The dwelling will receive an additional bedroom as well as correction of numerous deferred maintenance items.

An inspection was made at 2731 S. Monroe Street under the emergency repair loan program. The home has a failing roof with dry rotted eaves. Bids are currently being solicited for this project. (HRD)

GARFIELD SCHOOL "RESOURCES FAIRE"

HRD staff participated in the recent Garfield School "Resources Faire." Numerous Fact Sheets regarding the City's single-family rehabilitation loan program, first-time homebuyers program, and emergency repair loan/grant program were distributed. The attendance at these resource fairs throughout the year makes the neighborhoods aware of the various rehabilitation and homebuyer opportunities available to families. Presently there are plans for at least two more resource fairs this year in which HRD will participate as part of our community outreach program. (HRD)

PROPOSED NORTH STOCKTON REDEVELOPMENT AREA INFORMATIONAL MEETING

A public information meeting on the proposed North Stockton Redevelopment Area will be held on Monday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the Seifert Center (Ben Holt and El Dorado). The plan consultants and City staff will be available to answer questions. In addition HRD arranged for translators for the meeting. (HRD)

ACT HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Next week an Airport Corridor Team (ACT) Housing Subcommittee meeting will be held at the SEB, 3rd floor, on June 2 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to go over the Housing Program Revisions and talk about possible marketing strategies in the area. (HRD)

CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

I held my respective weekly meetings with: Mayor Podesto, Vice Mayor Nomura, Councilmember Bestolarides, Mayor-elect Chavez, Teri Bentz, Steve Pinkerton, Chief Herder, and Jim Rinehart.

I attended a meeting to discuss the Sphere of Influence. Gordon Palmer, Jim Glaser, and I met regarding the General Plan, Sphere of Influence, and the Development Code. I held a meeting with Deputy Chief Gaumer to discuss various issues. I met with Kate Post to discuss the Asparagus Festival.

Mayor Podesto, Councilmember Giovanetti, Jim Giottonini, Mark Parrott, Barry O'Regan, and I met for an update on COG. I held my weekly meeting with Audrey Cooper from *The Record*. Doug Wilhoit, Connie Cochran, and I met to discuss the Convention and Visitor's Bureau issues. Jim Glaser and I met with Steve Herum regarding the EIR for West Lake. Terry Parker and I met to discuss health plan issues. I met with Jim Glaser and Larry Mintier for an update on the General Plan. Jim Rinehart and I met with Mark Appell regarding the Stockton Events Center Project. I attended the monthly GPAT meeting.

I held a conference call with Jayne Williams and Steve Meyers to discuss various issues. Steve Pinkerton, Steve Carrigan, and I met to discuss downtown office users. I attended a baby shower luncheon in honor of Christine Tien and Matt Robinson with City staff. I attended an Events Center Construction meeting. I attended rehearsals for the All-America City Awards event. (CM)

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!

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